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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed October 5, 2005, finally rejecting claims 31, 32 and 38-54.

The Final Office Action was mailed on October 5, 2005, for which the shortened, statutory 3-month response period was January 5, 2006. A one-month extension of time would result in the due date being Monday, February 6, 2006 (since February 5 falls on a Sunday). Since this Notice of Allowance is being filed on February 6, 2006 (with a one-month extension of time), this paper is timely filed.

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